

2016 Queensland Canoe Sprint Championships

Dates

30 Saturday and 31 Sunday January 2016

Venue

Lake Coomera, Watersports Lane, Oxenford. Exit 57 off Pacific Motorway.

Entry dates

ENTRIES OPEN: 8 December 2015

ENTRIES CLOSE: Midnight on the 17 January 2016.

Entries will only be accepted via the online entry system: regattas.canoe.org.au

Late entries will be only be accepted if lanes are available and with payment of an extra \$30.

2016 State Team Nominations

ENTRIES OPEN: 8 December 2015

ENTRIES CLOSE: Midnight on the 17 January 2016.

Entries are via the link on the calendar of events on the QLD Canoeing website: www.qld.canoe.org.au

Payment must be received by the closing date in order for an athlete to be considered.

Entry Fees

	Early Bird Rate Until 31 December 2015	Standard Rate 1 January 2016 to 17 January 2016
Open (inc U23, vets 35/45/55)	\$75	\$85
Junior (U12-U18) and Vets 65	\$55	\$65
Stand up paddle boards	\$35	\$45

All fees must be paid prior to race day.

Late entries will be only be accepted if lanes are available and with payment of an extra \$30 on top of the standard rate.

Refund Policy

1. Requests for refunds must be made in writing to QC Sprints Technical Committee via qc.sprint@canoe.org.au.
2. Withdrawal prior to 14 days – Refunded amount is the appropriate entry fee less \$10.

3. Withdrawal within 7 to 14 days – Refunded amount is 50% of the appropriate entry fee.
4. Withdrawal within 7 days of the competition - no refund.

Categories and Distances

The age you are as of 1st January 2016 determines your age group.

Year of Birth	Age category - 2016
Born 2004, 2005	U12
Born 2002, 2003	U14
Born 2000, 2001	U16
Born 1998, 1999	U18

Notes:

- Age groups may be amalgamated according to the entries received.
- Paddlers may only enter into more than one age category for K1 and K2 in each distance, however, race starts will not be held to accommodate individual circumstances.
- Paddlers may race in a higher age group.
- Paddlers in doubles events must race in the age category of the oldest paddler.

Age Categories

- Junior development (JD) – Mini K1 and Guppy Class – singles only
Under 12/14/16/18
- Under 23
- Open
- Vets 35, 45,55,65 – age groups may be amalgamated depending on number of entrants.
- Paracanoe

Craft classes

200m Vets, Open, U23, U18, U16, U14, U12, JD K1, K2, TK1, TK2, C1, C2, V1 (para), SuPs

500m Vets, Open, U23, U18, U16, U14, U12, JD K1, K2, K4, TK1, TK2, C1, C2, V1 (para)

1000m Vets, Open, U23, U18, U16, U14, U12, JD K1, K2, K4, TK1, TK2, C1, C2, V1 (para)

Note: K4 races will not be held over 200m distance.

Note 2: K4 1000m events not open to Under 12's.

Note 3: Paddlers can only paddle one class of craft –K's or TK's per age group, per distance.

Note 4: Juniors are only able to race in one age group per distance.

Note: Running of events is dependent on entries and may be amalgamated.

Provisional Race Schedule

Saturday 30 January 2016

- 7.15 am Boat Numbers available for collection
- 7:30am Close of scratching to Chief Official for 500m and 200m
- 8.15 am Commencement of competition (500m and 200m)

Sunday 31 January 2016

- 7.15 am Boat Numbers available for collection
- 7:30am Close of scratching to Chief Official for 1000m
- 8.15 am Commencement of competition (1000m)

**** IMPORTANT **SCRATCHINGS AND ALTERATIONS**

A competitor who arrives late at the start or who otherwise does not start, and has no valid reason approved by the Chief Official, shall be disqualified from the race in question. Upon payment of the prescribed reinstatement fee the competitor may continue to participate in those other races of the regatta in which the competitor is entered, but otherwise shall be disqualified for the remainder of the regatta. Where a competitor is disqualified under this rule and has no other races remaining in the regatta, the competitor shall not be allowed to enter the next state competition unless the prescribed reinstatement fee has been paid.

The reinstatement fee is \$50 for seniors and \$20 for juniors.

Participants must be a financial member of Australian Canoeing Inc and hold no debts. International competitors must be members of a club affiliated with a National body, which is a member of the International Canoeing Federation (proof is required e.g. Letter from national organization).

Presentations

Medals will be presented to those who come first, second or third.

Presentations of medals will be made throughout the day.

Competitor's Briefing

Subject to change. Changes will be advised on the web, through the entry system and posted on the noticeboard at the championships.



Conditions:

- The Championships are conducted under the ICF Canoe Sprint Racing Competition Rules - Current Version dated 1 January 2015 and AC Canoe Sprint Competition Rules. It is the responsibility of the competitor to be familiar with these rules.
- In the event of a race cancellation due to cyclone, storm, rain, inclement weather, or other “Act of God” conditions, entry fees shall be non refundable.

Briefing:

- Any competitor 12 years and under or who cannot swim or is not a strong swimmer must wear a PFD (minimum standard Type 2).
- All craft must have positive or fixed buoyancy, or be constructed of material that floats horizontal when full of water.
- Swimming in Lake Coomera is NOT permitted during the regatta.
- Rocks on the side of the course are Out of Bounds to all athletes and spectators.
- Competitors are ONLY to enter and exit the water at the designated embarkation area.
- Competitors are to be in the Beach Marshalling Area with sufficient time before their race. Any paddler who fails to compete in an event without advising the Chief Official in writing prior to the commencement of the nominated race may be disqualified.
- At the start competitors line up with the lane number to their left.
- Competitors should remain as close as possible to the centre of their lane during the race.
- The start commands will be - Ready, Set, GO!
- In addition to the established AC and ICF rule, the Chief Official may instruct the starter to enforce a “next false start and out rule” to ensure the smooth running of the competition according to the published time schedule.
- Competitors must not paddle in close proximity to the start area while a race is in the process of being started.
- It is the competitors' responsibility to know the rules of the competition.
- Any competitor who is unsure of any detail, or has a problem concerning the running of the championships should seek clarification through their team manager or coach to the Chief Official.
- Competitors should not congregate in their boats in the vicinity of the finishing line in case they interfere with the judging or the finish of the event in progress
- Any protests must be delivered to the Chief Official within 30 minutes of the completion of the relevant race/incident by either the team manager or the coach.



- Competitors in the vicinity of the course (paddling to the start) should stop their boat while a race is in progress nearby, to ensure minimum interference to those racing. This is particularly relevant when paddling on the course to get to the start line.
- Any competitor who displays behaviour detrimental to the good order and conduct of the competition may be disciplined or disqualified.
- Competitors are not permitted to paddle alongside a race in progress.
- Receiving external assistance is not permitted.
- Competitors are reminded to apply sunscreen regularly throughout the days of competition and to remain hydrated.
- The first four places in all races will be required to attend boat control.